

Message

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Sent: 10/17/2017 9:59:22 PM
To: Beck, Nancy [Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]; Wise, Louise [Wise.Louise@epa.gov]; Bertrand, Charlotte [Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: due now - NC Health News re: Chemours

I wrote this.

We are not clear about why Dr. Strynar is from NERL/ORD chooses not be CBI-cleared. Provisions are in place for Federal employees to access CBI if needed for their jobs.

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I think he must not understand how CBI works.

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I'll loop in OGC. Tala Henry doesn't understand the Q either. He doesn't want to be CBI cleared b/c he is afraid the info will end up in published research? Still not getting it. Is there more to this?

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Best for OPPT to respond (working with OGC) but I don't think we have any intentions of violating our CBI protection requirements.

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Sorry, I don't have an answer. This just came in. Was wondering if you happen to know the answer. I've just sent to OPPT.

Q: Dr. Strynar, NERL/ORD chose not to have CBI clearance. He prefers not to have it due in part to the legal ramifications about public disclosure that result in accessing CBI data.

Is there any effort afoot within the agency to change that practice so that EPA scientists can obtain information filed with the agency when studying emerging contaminants without facing limitations on public disclosure about what chemicals are being released by manufacturing facilities? PFAS were of enough concern that EPA required sampling for them as part of the 3rd unregulated contaminant monitoring rule. (See list of compounds in screen grab below.)

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I'm not sure I'm seeing any answers. Can someone clean this up so we can see the questions and answers. Without that I'm not sure how we can respond.

Thanks Linda.

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Importance: High

Sorry to go straight to the top. Let me know if you have any insight. Dr. Strynar is from NERL/ORD.

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Importance: High

Answer to this? I don't get it.

From: Maguire, Megan

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Subject: Additional questions: NC Health News re: Chemours

Hi all- Cathy Clabby sent us two additional questions, she's filing her story tomorrow. For question #1, Mark explained to the reporter during the interview that he doesn't have CBI clearance and that he prefers not to have it due in part to the legal ramifications about public disclosure that result in accessing CBI data. Because he explained this, the reporter is asking if the Agency has any changes in mind about CBI—I think OCSP would be the right office for that question & OW, you'll notice she also mentions UCMR in question 1.

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Let us know what you all think. Thanks!

-Megan

Below is incoming from Cathy Clabby:

I am filing my story Wednesday.

Here are my questions:

1. You heard Dr. Strynar say that he took a more difficult path to characterize the unknown PFAS compounds in the Cape Fear River. That's because if he had obtained information that DuPont had submitted to EPA regarding what it was producing, he could have faced limitations on what he could have made public.

Is there any effort afoot within the agency to change that practice so that EPA scientists can obtain information filed with the agency when studying emerging contaminants without facing limitations on public disclosure about what chemicals are being released by manufacturing facilities? PFAS were of enough concern that EPA required sampling for them as part of the 3rd unregulated contaminant monitoring rule. (See list of compounds in screen grab below.)

2. Will EPA continue to support Dr. Strynar's efforts to look for and identify unregulated chemicals released by industrial sites during the Trump Administration?

Perfluorinated Compounds: EPA Method 537		
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) 1763-23-1	0.04	Surfactant or emulsifier; used in fire-fighting foam, circuit board etching acids, alkaline cleaners, floor polish, and as a pesticide active ingredient for insect bait traps; U.S. manufacture of PFOS phased out in 2002; however, PFOS still generated incidentally
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) 335-67-1	0.02	Perfluorinated aliphatic carboxylic acid; used for its emulsifier and surfactant properties in or as fluoropolymers (such as Teflon), fire-fighting foams, cleaners, cosmetics, greases and lubricants, paints, polishes, adhesives and photographic films
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) 375-95-1	0.02	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) 355-46-4	0.03	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) 375-85-9	0.01	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) 375-73-5	0.09	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant

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thanks

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That was our response to the reporter on 9/7. T

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On Oct 17, 2017, at 11:57 AM, Lincoln, Larry <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov> wrote:

Checked with R4 folks see below:

The investigation is still ongoing. It's EPA policy not to discuss ongoing investigations.

Larry

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Adding Lahne and Christina to this group.

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Good day!

Reporter has returned with these questions. DDL is COB Wednesday.

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Is there any news yet regarding the Chemours investigation we've corresponded about before? Is it finished? Likely to be finished soon?

If done, what are the results?

On Sep 7, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes.

From: Lincoln, Larry

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Reporter: Catherine Clabby

For this one, everyone good with this response?

Response: The investigation is still ongoing. It's EPA policy not to discuss ongoing investigations.

Request:

You helped me earlier this summer regarding getting information about EPA's investigation regarding Chemours Co's compliance with a 2009 order EPA issued under the TSCA regarding the production of GenX. (Please see email thread below.) Thank you again for that!

I'm checking in to learn about the status of that investigation you described.

At what stage is the probe now?

Has EPA found evidence that Chemours did not comply with the order.

Does EPA expect to take any regulatory action against Chemours or DuPont on this matter?